

# The Harvard South Shore Psychiatry Residency Training Program

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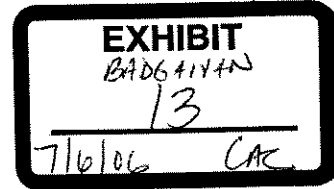
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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine  
560 Harrison Avenue, Room G 4  
Boston, MA 02118

Attention: Ms. Rose Foss

Dear Ms. Foss:

The information below is offered in explanation of the positive answers on the Postgraduate Verification Form, Page 2 for applicant Rajendra Badgaiyan, M.D.



Dr. Rajenda Badgaiyan, M.D., PhD, is a brilliant researcher who requested immigration status filed under the "Alien of Extraordinary Ability" section 213(b)(1)(B) and was approved 8/17/99 as "Outstanding Professor or Researcher, sec. 203 (b)(1)(B). He is intelligent and knowledgeable. He received Harvard Medical School's Department of Psychiatry Harry Solomon Award for his work "Cognition without awareness: a neuroimaging study" and received Harvard's coveted Dupont-Warren research fellowship.

Explanation for questions #2, #4, and #5, with a clarification on #3.

#2: Was the applicant ever placed on probation?

Dr. Badgaiyan was placed on probation for refusing to retake an oral examination. The retaking of the examination was requested by the training department to remove a contested failing grade which Dr. Badgaiyan said was due to administration of the exam under "non-standard conditions" and by supervisors whom Dr. Badgaiyan felt were prejudiced against him. Dr. Badgaiyan subsequently took and passed the examination and the probation status was removed.

#3 Was the applicant ever disciplined or under investigation?

The answer is no with the exception of issues in #2 and #4.

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#4. Were any negative reports ever filed by instructors regarding the applicant?

There were negative reports filed by instructors regarding the applicant. These reports mostly concerned Dr. Badgaiyan's attitude, his absences, and his failure to implement recommendations from his attendings.

#5. Were any limitations or special requirements imposed on the applicant because of questions of academic incompetence or disciplinary problems?

He was required by the departmental committee on promotions to do an extra three months of training to complete his requirements. He did this and was graduated December 31, 2003.

Yours truly,



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